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### Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed today for Organizational Day. Any questions, call 533-5540 ext. 100.

### OCSC board forms

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club governing board for the 2000-01 year is now forming. There are several committee positions still available. The OCSC is an organization that raises money through various fundraisers to support the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista communities. For information about the board positions available, call Garlan Martens at 452-0989.

### Got a gardening question?

Come get answers at the Fort Huachuca Main Exchange Garden Center. A Water Wise and Energy Smart display table will be set up at the new PX Garden Center on June 16, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The featured topic will be irrigation methods and plant watering. Cheri Melton and Ginger Maxey will be on hand to assist you. Learn what irrigation system best suits your garden, where to apply water to flowers, shrubs and trees, and how to determine when and how much to water by using a soil probe. For information call the Water Wise Program at 538-7283.

### PWOC summer cruise

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel on a video summer cruise. Come and see the land of the New Testament and participate in group discussion. The study begins Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. (note new summer hours) at the Main Post Chapel. Limited childcare provided to military cardholders. For more information, call Sandy at 458-5813.

## Army's highest ranking female retires, says farewell to MI Corps here today

By Laura Bonner  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, who rose to be the Army's highest ranking woman ever in uniform, officially retired June 2 at a ceremony in the Pentagon courtyard, in front of family members, co-workers and friends.

She says farewell to the Army's military intelligence corps in a ceremony at Fort Huachuca today at 4 p.m. on Brown parade field.

"The Army ad says, 'Be all you can be,'" Kennedy said. "Today I can honestly tell you that I have been all I could be. I have

risen farther than I had ever dared to hope. All I wanted to do was to be a leader and to serve my country. I never dreamed there would be stars on my shoulders."

Kennedy's assignments included Korea, Germany, Japan, Hawaii and the Pentagon. She served here as the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca/Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Intelligence School from 1994 to 1995.

According to Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, Kennedy has been leading America's soldiers since the beginning of her career.

"She is a caring, compassionate and talented leader who always met the highest standards of excellence in every job she has ever done," Caldera said.

"Kennedy's retirement will be a great loss to the Army. She is always positive, always upbeat and always gracious," said

Maj. Gen. John G. Meyer Jr., the Army's chief of public affairs. "She has had a tough job being the highest ranking female in the Army. She has set a standard and has stuck to it."

Kennedy was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Southwestern at Memphis

in June 1969. Upon graduation, while the United States was engaged in the Vietnam War, her father commissioned her as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"I came into the military during the Vietnam era, and I felt it was important for women to serve in the Army just as the men were doing," Kennedy said. "I did not think women should be exempted when men were not exempted."

Her career began with staff assignments at Fort Devens, Mass., and a recruiting assignment in Concord, N.H. She also held positions as strategic intelligence officer, 501st Military Intelligence Group,

*"It is the youth of today who will determine the future of the Army, of the United States military. I stand here with each of you today ready to help this next generation to be the best they can be."*

Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy



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Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy

U.S. Army, Korea; director, Intelligence, G-2, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.; and deputy commander, U.S. Army Intelligence School, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"After her company command at United States Women's Army Corps Center School, Fort McClellan, Ala., the Army began to realize what countless soldiers had already witnessed firsthand: that in Claudia Kennedy, they had a brilliant, compassionate and devoted officer with a tremendous amount to offer the Army. She met and exceeded the expectations of all who knew her," said Caldera.

"She is not only a role model for servicewomen of our armed forces, but to

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## Fort Huachuca commemorates Army's 225th birthday

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

Created June 14, 1775 by the Second Continental Congress, the U.S. Army is even older than our nation. The public is invited to help Fort Huachuca celebrate the Army's 225th Birthday, June 16.

Military static displays are available for viewing in Veterans' Memorial Park beginning at 5 p.m. The celebration continues with a parade of military units and veterans organizations down Fry Boulevard at 7 p.m. The parade will end in Veterans' Memo-

rial Park at approximately 7:30 p.m. A concert by the 36th Army band after the parade adds to the festivities. Included in the events at Veterans' Memorial Park will be booths, military displays, a cake cutting ceremony and comments by Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general.

Local veterans' organizations are invited take part in the parade. To participate, call Maj. Sloan Oliver at 533-2564 or Sgt. 1st Class Allen Heigaard at 533-2833 no later than Friday.

Learn more about the Army birthday by clicking on [www.dtic.mil/armylink/birthday](http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/birthday).

# The Scout's Chaplain

## Rearrange your load — take it to Lord

**Chap. (Maj.) Michael Thomas**  
**Resource Manager, Post Chapel**

Life can be extremely busy, especially when you are short handed personnel and high handed on additional tasks. Soon worries, cares, and burdens can way us down. Before long the load has multiplied due to our attitude of worry.

I ran across a story sometime ago that captivated me. It concerned this truck driver who was driving his 18-wheeler through a busy street. At every stoplight, he jumped out with a baseball bag in his had, ran around and beat on the side of his truck-Wham! Wham! Wham!

This just overcame a person who was driving behind him. He followed this truck driver all across the city and watched him beat the side of that truck at every red light!

So when the trucker finally pulled into a restaurant on the other side of town, this care pulled in behind him. The frustrated man got out of his car and asked the truck driver, “Why are you beating on that truck with a baseball bat every time you stop?”

The truck driver was patience and

happy to answer. And this is what he said, “Well, it’s like this! I have a two-ton truck and four tons of canaries. Therefore, I have to keep two tons of the canaries in the air at all times.”

Isn’t this a parable of many of our lives? We are overloaded with all kinds of baggage and instead of facing the reality of it and leaving these burdens with the Lord, we just try to rearrange the load everyday. Yet scripture tells us to cast our burdens upon the Lord, for he will sustain us. Once we’ve done this, our hearts will be light and our spirits will be free to work for him. Believe it!

Dennis the Menace knelt by his bedside one night to say his prayers. He was up tight and concerned. He’d gotten himself into a real jam. And this is what he prayed: “Lord, I don’t think even You can help me this time.”

Oh yes He can! “Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there,” declares the old gospel song. May we practice doing this and allow God to free us up for greater service.

# TRADOC CG wishes Army a ‘Happy 225th Birthday’

On June 14th, we will celebrate the Army’s 225th birthday. Our Army pre-dates our nation and helped bring our nation into being during the American Revolution.

The soldiers and leaders of that first Army force had the endurance, fortitude, courage and skill to fight and win. And since then our nation continues to thrive in large part due to the sacrifice, dedication and fortitude of our soldiers and the support of their families.

On this birthday, we find ourselves facing an exciting but challenging future for which we are transforming how the Army is organized, how it trains, and how it fights.

We will retain our values and our traditions of dedicated, professional service to give use the grounding and the compass we need to guide us into the future.

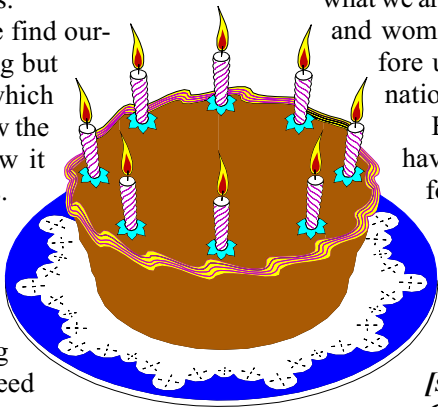
Our nation will continue to call upon

our soldiers and their families to serve with the same endurance, courage and fortitude that brought us triumph in the Revolution, through the Civil War, two World Wars, and countless fields of battle and service across the globe and across two and a quarter centuries.

I wish every TRADOC soldier, family member, and our students a safe and happy celebration of our Army’s birthday. Take a moment on this great day to reflect upon what we are, and the countless men and women who have come before us in the service of our nation.

Be proud of where we have been, what we stand for, and where we are going in the service of our great nation.

Happy Birthday, Army!



*[signed]*  
**Gen. John N. Abrams**  
**TRADOC Commanding General**

# Commentary

**By Sgt. Cullen James**  
**Scout Staff**

File this one under “sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.”

I sometimes wonder if George Orwell was a visionary or suffered from rampant paranoia. The story I find myself calling into question most is Orwell’s “1984” — a tale of a dark future where the government controls every aspect of everyone’s life. One man tries to buck the system, but in the end is forced to accept it and like it.

The scariest thing I’ve found from the story is that there are few in the tale who want to fight the system. Few who try and fight for individual freedom. There’s a sense of comfort in the people in Orwell’s story. A comfort and acceptance that everything’s okay — just let “Big Brother” take care of it all.

What’s scarier though is that in the novel they truly seem to believe that the government knows best how they should live and not the people themselves.

What’s got me thinking about this is a particularly disturbing article I read over the weekend. In a long series of national health “crises,” it seems the next thing

# Sweets for the sweet?

some agencies want the government to attack is snack foods.

According to a study published in the “American Journal of Public Health” conducted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (that’s a scary name all by itself!) a new “snack tax” could help raise \$1.8 billion a year for national health promotion programs aimed at reducing the “obesity epidemic” that apparently is plaguing the United States.

The health and government agencies estimate that up to 500,000 Americans die annually due to poor diets and physical inactivity (all hail potato chips and video games!) at a yearly cost in excess of \$71 billion.

They also cite a growing disparity between monies spent on advertising healthy lifestyles (example: \$1 million a year spent by the National Cancer institute) versus amounts spent by snack/fast food companies (example: \$1 billion a year in advertising by McDonalds).

Because of these disparities, government and health agencies, including the Center for Science in the Public Interest and the Center for Eating and Weight Disorders at Yale University, are endorsing a 1-cent tax to snack and soda sales.

“So?” you may ask, “What’s wrong with another tax?”

Taxes, themselves, aren’t necessarily a bad thing. They’re inevitable in any form of government. The problem is the reason behind a tax.

Similar to one of the subjects in a recent commentary, a tax is often used to try and remedy a problem rather than just raise funds for running and maintaining the nation. However, this tax, as opposed to the beer tax written about earlier, is actually trying to raise money for anti-obesity projects.

Perhaps that is a decent goal, but it raises another question. Do we really want the government telling us how to live? Of course, those of us in the military have no choice. We signed up to be told what to do. But, it’s our job to defend everyone else’s right to choose.

My problem, I guess, isn’t so much with taxes or programs, but with agencies and individuals that want the government to tell us what to do. We should be able to take the responsibility to lead our own lifestyles rather than having it mandated to us (military personnel ex-

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# MPs offer free Home Security Assessments

DPS release

Now available to all residents of Fort Huachuca are free Home Security Surveys. As part of the program a Military Police Crime Prevention noncommissioned officer helps residents assess the security of their quarters and personal property.

The security survey is the primary tool used in crime prevention to recognize and anticipate potential loss in residential areas due to crime. The value of the survey has been proven by more than 300 civilian police departments across the country that have crime prevention units.

The security survey is the tool by which the Crime Prevention Officer informs a resident of the areas of which his/her home is vulnerable to criminals. After completing the survey the Crime Prevention Officer goes into detailed steps with the resident on ways to overcome vulnerable areas.

The survey is an onsite, in-depth assessment of the quarters and surrounding areas and is a nine-step process.

- (1) Assess the overall environment (i.e. neighborhood, block, etc.)
- (2) Assess the general vulnerability of the premises
- (3) Define specific points of vulnerability

- (4) Recommend specific security procedures
- (5) Obtain recommended security hardware through self-help or work orders
- (6) Implementation of recommendations
- (7) Follow up is provided to insure that recommendations have been implemented
- (8) Crime statistics are kept to evaluate the effect of the survey and implementation of recommendations
- (9) A second survey is conducted if statistical analysis indicates no alteration in criminal activity in the area

Upon completion of the survey, the resident is given a copy of the assessment, and one is kept on file for statistical and historical necessity. This program is intended to cut down on housebreaking/burglaries and larcenies, and to increase the awareness of residents. By eliminating complacency, you take opportunity away from the criminal, thereby preventing and cutting down on crime.

To set up an assessment appointment, call Sgt. Robert Goodrich, Military Police Crime Prevention NCO at 533-8832, or visit Building 31032. Surveys are done Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday 1-3 p.m.

# Commander's Hotline

The following complaint was received over the Commander's Hotline.

Call

I am requesting that the handicap parking at the golf course be marked with a sign versus the painting on the ground. The painting on the ground wears off in about two months and people who are not handicap are parking in these reserved parking areas. Since I am handicap this puts a burden on myself and other handicapped patrons.

Response

Heinz Steinman, division chief, MWR Operations said a work order will be submitted to the Directorate of Installation Support to have the signs installed.

(Editor's note: If you have an issue you would like addressed, call 533-BOSS.)

# Center handles civilian benefits on Web or by phone

By Barbara K. Filbert  
CPOCMA PAO

ABERDEEN PROCING GROUND, Md. — Civilian employees serviced by the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center will soon be able to change their benefits, such as health and life insurance, over the phone or on the Web, as the local advisory centers transfer many services to the Army Benefits Center for Civilians, or ABC-C.

The benefits center, located at Fort Riley, Kan., will begin providing automated services regarding retirement, life insurance, health benefits, survivor benefits, and the Thrift Savings Plan to civilian employees throughout the West CPOC on June 19.

The ABC-C opened for the Southwest, North Central and Army National Capital Regions earlier this year and currently services more than 67,000 Army civilians. With addition of the West region, it will add to its service population about 18,000 employees.

Theoretically, this should reduce workload in the CPAC, said Al Buhl, chief, Civilian Personal Advisory Center, here. The Fort Huachuca CPAC services approximately 2200 civilian employees.

"The CPAC will not lose any employees because of this initiative, because it has already been factored into our staffing ratio," he said.

According to a spokes person for the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency at APG, three other ABC-Cs for the Southeast, South Central and Northeast regions will open July 31, Sept. 11 and Oct. 23, respectively.

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Al Buhl

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The Interactive Voice Response System allows customers to access the system through a touch-tone telephone; and the Employee Benefit Information System, a customized Web application, allows customers to access the system through the Internet.

Employees may use either system

from any location to access information, and process transactions. If assistance is necessary, telephone users can transfer to a benefits counselor.

Personnel can access the Web application at <http://www.abc.army.mil>; and the call center with a touch-tone telephone by calling the toll-free number 1-877-ARMY-CTR (1-877-276-9287).

For TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) assistance, call the toll-free number 1-877 ARMY TDD (1-877-276-9833). Employees will need to input their Social Security Number and personnel identification number to access both systems.

ABC-C replaces the old way of doing personnel business, where employees often made several trips to the CPAC to make changes to their benefits.

Now, most transactions will be processed overnight, and personnel can verify their transactions by revisiting the automated systems or checking their Leave and Earnings Statement.

For employees considering retirement, or needing other information or assistance, they will have to first contact the ABC-C.

"We have been directed by CPOCMA to advise employees that after June 19, they must initially contact the Army Benefits Center for advice and assistance on retirement or any other problems," Buhl said.

"Our goal is to give the civilian work force quality and timely customer service," said Cole.

"The center streamlines the benefits and entitlements function, eliminates manual processes, and assists in providing better and more convenient service to our customers."

The Web application has the same

transaction capability as the call center but the Web page offers a fast, convenient and easy-to-use application with features not available through the call center, Cole added.

A major advantage to using the Web application is the ability to navigate to the different programs, receive more detailed information, and process the same transactions as over the telephone.

Both systems are available seven days a week, 21 hours a day, and will be down from midnight to 3 a.m., central time, for systems maintenance. Benefits counselors will be available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. central time.

"Since the center opened in January, the 40-member staff has taken more than 10,000 calls and spoken to more than 8,000 employees regarding their benefits," Cole said.

"Once an employee decides to retire, a benefits counselor will provide personal voice-to-voice retirement counseling," she said.

"The employee will then complete the retirement forms down-loaded from the systems, and mail the package to the center, where it is processed."

Cole said the Army hopes to stand up their three overseas CPOCs during FY 2001. Once they stand up, the center will service all appropriated-fund Federal employees working for the Army.

"The success of this program will depend on how well the employees accept it," Buhl said.

"If employees are confident in the information they receive from the center and their questions are answered accurately and timely, it will work. If response time is slow or employees feel like they are being treated like a number, it will fail."

# Army Signal Command

## Vietnam veteran chaplain retires after 30 years



**John G. Cottingham entered active duty at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. in 1970.**

“The world is my parish.”

**By Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. Reed  
ASC PAO NCOIC**

The command chaplain for the U.S. Army Signal Command has abided by these words of the founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, for more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Chaplain (Col.) John G. Cottingham will be honored in a retirement ceremony Friday at Greely Hall here.

A chaplain throughout his career, and one of only two remaining chaplains who served in Vietnam, Cottingham said his religious path was a “...gradual calling.”

“I grew up in the church,” said the Laurinburg, N.C. native. “I took religious courses in college, but really it was my



**Cottingham (left) stands by a makeshift marquee for visitors of the Big Red One during Desert Storm in 1991.**

brother who was an Army doctor who suggested I look into the military. Chaplains are all volunteers. We were never drafted. Originally, I was exempt from service. I guess after my first three years I knew I was going to stay in.”

Cottingham received a direct appointment as an Army chaplain in 1970. After completing the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to Fort Knox, Ky. as a battalion chaplain in the 1st Armor Training Brigade.

“I’ve always gone where the Army needed me,” he said. In 1971 he served in Vinh Long, Vietnam as the squadron chaplain with the 7/1 Air Cavalry Squadron. Nearly 20 years later, Cottingham served as the division chaplain for 1st Infantry Division’s “Big Red One” during Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

He has served as battalion, community, division, staff, deputy command and command chaplain at Fort Polk, La., Fort Benning, Ga., Hanau, Germany, Military District of Washington, Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Knox, Ky. and Grafenwoehr, Germany. Cottingham has also served as a pastoral coordinator and Area Support Group chaplain.

“When Chaplain Cottingham came to ASC in the summer of 1998, he brought a wealth of insight and wisdom about the chaplaincy and providing religious support,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Steven L. Nelson, 11th Signal Brigade Chaplain. “He also brought a ‘pastor’s heart’ and a genuine care for people. When he saw the struggles in people’s lives, he consistently demonstrated a willingness to do something about the problem. He always brought a calm and gentle spirit of peace as well as a subtle sense of humor to those he met.”

The graduate of Frederick College in Portsmouth, Va. where he earned a bachelor’s degree, Duke University Divinity School, where he earned a professional and theological degree and Georgia State University, where he earned a master’s in counseling and psychological services, has always served as a mentor to his peers. “It has been rewarding both professionally and spiritually working with Chaplain Cottingham,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Greene, ASC Staff Chaplain noncommissioned officer-in-charge. “I have worked with/for 15 chaplains during my military career, and I would rate Chaplain Cottingham as the best. I appreciate him having total confidence in me, as well as being an excellent coach, mentor and coun-



**John and Anita Cottingham have been married for 34 years.**



Photos courtesy of Chap. (Col.) John G. Cottingham

**Chaplain Cottingham conducts a Memorial Service in Iraq during the Persian Gulf Conflict in 1991.**

selor. It would be an honor if we are afforded the opportunity to serve in some capacity together in the future.”

Cottingham’s easy manner and southern drawl easily define him. “He is a patient man,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis R. Nitsche, ASC personnel and operations chaplain. “He takes the time to listen and gives sound advice, while not letting small stuff bother him.”

Cottingham’s patience and faith in other’s abilities have inspired many, including the ASC Chaplain’s Office Administrative Specialist, Linda Jackson. “I will forever be grateful for his confidence in me with tasks I would not have attempted to do without his prodding. His encouragement has helped me, not only in my day-to-day routine at work, but also my spiritual life as well. His kindness and meek spirit is an example for all to follow.”

Cottingham has seen many changes in the military. “The draft and Vietnam caused us to have to rebuild prestige in the late ’70s and early ’80s,” he said. “There was a different political situation and public opinion of Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War.”

“The chaplaincy used to be all male. I also remember the contributions of the WAC. Now we have had to overcome drawdowns, and we are now an all-voluntary force.”

Cottingham and his wife of 34 years,

the former Anita Wright of Chesapeake, Va., have two children, John, Jr., who resides in Washington, D.C. and Rebecca, who lives in Atlanta. Though retirement brings thoughts of spoiling grandchildren, the chaplain stoically said, “We have to do things in the right order and get our kids married first.”

“We’ve had a great ride,” Anita said. The couple recently bought a new home in the chaplain’s hometown, where he has spoken to the bishop there about doing some part-time ministry. “I will always be involved in the church,” Cottingham said.

The recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor with two oak leaf clusters said he has “enjoyed a wonderful journey of ministry with the finest men and women in America — soldiers.”

“I always said I’d stay in for 20 years, but new opportunities and promotions kept me in this long. As I look back, time has sure gone fast.”



**Chaplain Cottingham in Vinh Long, Vietnam 1971-72.**



# Army ‘brown-rounds’ wrangle for 2000 title

*By Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Buffett  
TRADOC News Service*

FORT MONROE, Va. — The Army’s top 19 drill sergeants have begun a four-day competition here to determine who will be named 2000 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Representing active duty and U.S. Army Reserve commands across the country, 12 staff sergeants and seven sergeants first class gathered at Fort Monroe’s Continental Park at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday for the Army Physical Fitness Test. Later in the day, they were tested on their knowledge of basic soldier tasks and how they teach those tasks to new trainees.

The final event of the competition is a board appearance. Each drill sergeant will spend about 20 minutes before a panel consisting of senior command sergeants major from various bases and Headquarters TRADOC. Candidates will answer questions about leadership and training.

“Of any of the events, the board is definitely the most stressful,” said Staff Sgt. Terry J. Dokey, last year’s active-duty drill sergeant of the year. “Everything else is pretty much ‘open book,’ if you will. You know how many push-ups you have to do; how many sit-ups; and there are only 16 hands-on tasks to know by heart. When it comes to the board, though, there are many references used to formulate questions, so you never know what’s coming.”

Glad to be on the planning and coordination side of the competition, Dokey said he enjoyed the past year. Part of winning the active-duty top drill sergeant title is a move to Fort Monroe to work with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training on initial entry program issues. Sgt. 1st Class Robert T. Priest of the 84th Training Division, Milwaukee, Wis., was last year’s Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year.

“All NCOs in the Army are responsible for individual and squad level training, but what you see here is the very best — those who’ve mastered the execution of individual training,” said TRADOC Command Sergeant Major John Beck.

The Drill Sergeant of the Year competition will culminate



Photo by Wes Anderson, Fort Monroe

**Staff Sgt. Scott A. Reed, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry, Fort Jackson, S.C., knocks out push-ups during the Army Physical Fitness Test portion of the 2000 Drill Sergeant of the Year competition, which got underway Tuesday at Fort Monroe, Va.**

with an awards ceremony Friday morning beginning at 9 a.m., the Meritorious Service Medal and the Stephen Ailes Award, at Fort Monroe’s Continental Park.

The active Army Drill Sergeant of the Year will receive

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## Water Wise receives national award

*Cooperative Extension release*

The Water Wise program received two national awards in May at the National Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals Conference held in South Lake Tahoe, Nev.

The first award was presented by the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service Natural Resources and Environmental Management Program.

Water Wise was one of four National Flagship Programs selected based on innovation and collaboration in addressing local or state natural resource issues.

The second award was received from the Association of Natural Resource Extension

sion professionals recognizing the “Outstanding Team” efforts of the Water Wise Program.

Susan Pater, Cochise County Extension Director and Kim McReynolds, Cochise County Area Extension Agent, Natural Resources, received the awards on behalf of the Water Wise partners.

The Water Wise partners include: The University of Arizona Cochise County Cooperative Extension, Cochise County, Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, Bella Vista Water Company, Arizona Water Company, Pueblo del Sol Water Company, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, and the Southeast Arizona Association of Realtors.



Courtesy photo

**“Water Wise 2000 Partners in Conservation” plaques were presented to individuals representing organizations who are partners of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension’s Water Wise Program. The plaques were given out at the Water Wise Partnership Celebration held in April at the LakeSide Activity Centre. (From left) Leslie Thompson, Cochise County Supervisor; Tony Saracino, Cochise County Supervisor; Michele DoPadre, Southeastern Arizona Association of Realtors; Col Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca; Claire Owen, Extension Advisory Board; Ann Zilinski, PDS Water Co.; Douglas Dunn, former director of Cooperative Extension; Albert Gomez, SSVEC; and Brian Bauer, City of Sierra Vista.**



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# Community Updates

## ASC chaplain retires

The U.S. Army Signal Command here is scheduled to host a retirement ceremony for its Command Chaplain at 9:30 a.m., Friday at Greely Hall.

Chaplain (Col.) John G. Cottingham, a 30-year veteran will retire after serving in a broad spectrum of assignments in the chaplain field.

He has been married for 34 years to the former Anita Wright. They have two children. They will reside in Laurinburg, N.C. upon retirement.

In the event the outdoor ceremony is canceled due to inclement weather, a indoor ceremony will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. at Barnes Fieldhouse June 9.

## DOIM computer classes

The Directorate of Information Management has several computer training classes scheduled for June, including FormFlow on Friday, Basic Excel on June 12 followed by Advanced Excel on June 13, Outlook on June 14, and PowerPoint on June 15. Windows 95/98 is set for June 19 with Basic Structure & Design on June 20.

DOIM finishes up the month with an Access series; Basic Access on June 21, Intermediate Access on June 22 and Advanced Access on June 23.

For information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Jamie Gert at 533-2868.

## Second-hand smoke seminar

A free public seminar on Environmental Tobacco Smoke, otherwise known as second-hand smoke, is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Sierra Vista City Library.

Displays and expert speakers will provide educational information on asthma, ETS-caused diseases and tobacco legislation. Talks are set for 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the City Library meeting room. Cessation certification training will also be available.

For information and certification registration, call Linda Hoge at 458-7348.

This program is funded through the Tobacco project at Child and Family Resources, Inc. of Sierra Vista and the county's Project BUTT.

## Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty.

Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, Wednesday.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

## Contract association meets

The Coronado Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting on June 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre on Fort Huachuca.

The featured presenters are Carol Daugherty, Executive Assistant to the Director DFAS Seaside and Kim Riley, Chief Vendor Pay of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Seaside, California.

They will discuss: Prompt Payment Act, Computing due dates, Receiving Reports, Mandatory EFT, Pre-validation, Centrally Billed Accounts/Purchase of airline tickets, Purchase Card, DPPS (replaces CAPS), Central Contracting Registration, contracts and vendor payments. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation.

There will be a buffet lunch and the cost is \$8 per person. For reservations, call Kelly Stute at 459-6227. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## Warrant Officer Assoc. meets

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association (Arizona Silver Chapter) will host its monthly meeting June 20 at La Hacienda, Boots and Saddles Room, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This month's keynote speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Bud Strom, nationally renowned cowboy poet, owner of the Single Star ranch in Hereford, and retired career military officer.

Active and retired military personnel are welcome, need not be a member to attend. For reservations or information, call Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas Olson at 533-3077. The USAWOA meets the third Tuesday of every month.

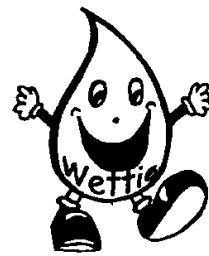
## ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon June 20 at 11:30 a.m. in La Hacienda Community Club. Featured speaker will be Jeannie A. Davis, Director of the Army's West Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

The lunch menu will be an Italian buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$8 for ASMC members and \$9 for non-members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## ACAP hosts TROA lecture

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is again this year sponsoring a presentation by The Retired Officers Association entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career."



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The presentation is free and open to officers and senior noncommissioned officers and their spouses. The presentation will be conducted by retired Col. Dick Crampton, Deputy Director, Officer Placement Services, TROA.

The lecture will be held at Cochise Theater on June 21 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. No reservation is necessary. Questions can be directed to Angela Baker, ACAP, at 533-7314.

## Military Pay closed

The Defense Military Pay Office (Building 22334) and the In/Out Processing Section (Whitside Hall, Building 41330) will close at noon on June 23 for its annual summer party. Normal business hours will resume on June 26.

## IEWPC closed

The Intelligence and Electronic Warfare PC work order section Room 116 Building 82502 will be closed June 23 for Organizational Picnic.

## Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on June 24 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area.

The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

For information, call Liz or Pete at 458-8859.

## ASC G8 closed

The U.S. Army Signal Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G8 will be closed June 29 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for its annual picnic. The office of the AcofS, G8 will be minimally staffed during this time.

## Tickets available for MI Ball

Tickets for the 38th Annual Military Intelligence Ball are on sale now. The MI Ball, held in conjunction with the annual Military Intelligence Corps Association's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, will be on June 30 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Tickets, costing \$25 per person, can be purchased from your unit command sergeant major or from Maj. Linda Stuart, 305th MI Bn.

The evening's schedule begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed at 7 p.m. with "Mess Call," and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The menu will be Chicken Saint Bernard or Steak Diane. A photographer will be available throughout the evening, cash or checks accepted.

The guest speaker will be retired Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McChristian. The theme for this year's Ball is "225 Years of Excellence — Honoring Army and Military Intelligence Professionals."

Following dinner and remarks, there

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will be dancing and entertainment until midnight. For information, call Maj. Linda Stuart at 533-6842.

Golden Knights tryouts

The United States Army Parachute Team, the “Golden Knights” is scouting for new military skydivers.

To apply for the elite team, the soldier must be an enlisted active duty soldier and meet the requirements for a class “C” international parachuting license or equivalent. Soldier must also have a clean military and civilian record.

If the soldier’s application is approved, he or she will then be invited to participate in the Golden Knights’ six-week selection and assessment program at the team’s headquarters in Fort Bragg, N.C. in September.

To receive an application, check out the team’s website at [www.armygoldenknights.com](http://www.armygoldenknights.com) or call 910-396-4800. Applications are due back to the Knights by June 30.

OCS board convenes

The next installation OCS Interview Board is scheduled to convene July 19-21 at the Murr Community Center in the Roadrunner Conference Room at 9 a.m. daily. The deadline date for applications to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is July 10. All applications must be in an original and two copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For information, call is Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. Newell at 533-1707 or 533-1705.

Promotion board convenes

Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene Aug. 1 to consider Army Competitive Category lieutenant colonel for promotion to colonel. The colonel board will not consider serving lieutenant colonels of the Chaplain’s Corps, Judge Advocate General’s Corps or Army Medical

Department, Veterinary Corps.

Officers eligible for consideration have active duty dates of rank: above the zone, May 1, 1995 and earlier; promotion zone, May 2, 1995 through Aug. 1, 1996; below the zone, Aug. 2, 1996 through Aug. 1, 1997.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R), no later than July 25. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

For information, call Margarethe Velazquez at 533-3267.

4th U.S. Cavalry recruits

Ride with the U.S. Cavalry. Cavalry troopers with the dash, discipline and daring to preserve and promote the tra-

ditions of the B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are needed. Membership is voluntary and open to male permanent party soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians. Call Staff Sgt. Chris Ehney at 538-6063 or e-mail [ehneyc@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:ehneyc@huachuca-emh1.army.mil). Females may volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary. Ground School meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Private Stables of Buffalo Corral. For information, visit the troop website at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

SAT/ACT testing

The Buffalo Soldier Education Center administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the American College Testing Assessment. These tests are available to active duty and Reserve component personnel only. The SAT and ACT scores are used as a college admission requirement and for student placement. For information, call the Education Center at 533-3010/2255.



Photo by Angela Moncur

**Maj. Sean C. Stewart, takes command of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Huachuca from Maj. Antonio R. Dominguez. Here Stewart completes the traditional passing of the guidon and returns the colors to Master Sgt. Tank D. Guenther, staff noncommissioned officer in charge.**

Fort’s Marine Corps Det. changes command

*By Angela Moncur  
Scout Staff*

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment here changed command in ceremony June 1.

With the passing of the guidon, Maj. Sean C. Stewart assumed command of the USMC Detachment from Maj. Antonio R. Dominguez.

As his first official act as commanding officer of the Marine Detachment, Stewart promoted seven Marines to their newly appointed ranks.

Stewart was born in Hampton, Va. He attended the Platoon Leaders Junior and Senior Courses while enrolled in college. He graduated in 1990 from Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, Utah, with a bachelor of science degree in cartography. He was commissioned a second lieutenant the same year.

Stewart was designated a naval aviator at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla. on Aug. 20, 1993 and was assigned to HMT-302 for Initial Training in the CH-53D Sea Stallion.

Since commissioning and graduation from Basic School, Stewart has been assigned to the following commands: MATSG, VT-3, HT-18, HMT-302, MAG-26 and HNH-362.

Currently he is the assistant officer in charge at Naval

Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment, Fort Huachuca (Pioneer Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training School).

He is married to the former Jennifer Higham of Lafayette, Calif. They have three children, Skyler, Natty and Lilia.

Dominguez, a native of Miami, Fla., enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1980 and was initially assigned as an 81mm mortar man with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. During this assignment he completed two Mediterranean deployments and served as part of the Marine contingent on the multi-national peace keeping force in Beirut, Lebanon.

During a tour with the 2nd Marine Division’s Weapons Contact Team, he was selected as the division’s NCO of the year and reassigned to Marine Barracks, St. Mawgan, England as a Sergeant of the Guard.

In 1985, Dominguez was selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program and assigned as a student to the University of Arizona. Since being commissioned he attended the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course and was assigned to the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

Dominguez is married to the former Lynn Cathey. They have four children, Katie, Ashley, Amber and Alexis.

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cluded, of course).

If you don’t mind sacrificing small freedoms (the right to choose foods, drinks, etc. on a fair and equitable basis) then I guess everything’s going fine. If we want to tax things to pay exorbitant amounts of money for “educational” programs, I guess it’s okay.

Although I think what really needs to happen is parents need to just tell their kids to get their butts out from behind their Playstations and get outside.

There’s another problem with this

mentality. As taxes and programs are instated, it develops a national rhetoric on the subject. As this national debate carries on, slowly national attitudes about the subject begin to change. It’s a form of behavior modification, and as such it’s wrong. Rather than trusting us to make our own decisions, our opinions are changed over time through this subtle subterfuge.

Take cigarettes for example. It’s nationally accepted that they are bad for you and may cause cancer. If you were to take

three different age groups (say, 18-22, 26-33 and 45-50) and asked them the same questions about cigarettes (for example, when did you learn that cigarettes were bad, what kind of bad things do you think cigarettes do, and why do you think cigarettes are bad, etc.) I’m positive you would come up with wildly differing answers from the different age groups.

As time and education changed, so did people’s opinions. Cigarettes and tobacco weren’t always considered bad, but national opinion hasn’t changed until very

recently. I’m not trying to justify what cigarette manufacturers have done, they’re just a recent example.

So, what to do? I suggest the next time you read or hear something that makes you think twice, take time to examine it. If you don’t like what’s happening, you have the power and the right to write your Congressman. Your voice can be heard.

As military members, we have sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution, and I believe part of that sworn duty is to let our voices be heard by our representatives.



# Tidbits on strawberries from fort Commissary

**DeCA release**

**Strawberries historical facts**

— Strawberries are thought to have been cultivated in ancient Rome.

— The strawberry, as we know it, was originally grown in northern Europe, but species are also found in Russia, Chile, and the United States.

— The berries seem to be strewn among the leaves of the plant. The plant first had the name ‘strewberry,’ which later was changed to strawberry.

— In France strawberries were cultivated in the 13th Century for use as a medicinal herb.

— Historical medicinal uses of *Fragaria Vesca* (Alpine Strawberry):

It is said that the leaves, roots and fruits of this variety of strawberry were used for a digestive or skin tonic.

Internally, the berry was used for diarrhoea and digestive upset, while the leaves and the roots were used for gout. Externally, it was used for sunburn and skin blemishes, and the fruit juice was used for discolored teeth.

— The first American species of strawberries was cultivated about 1835.

— The first important American variety, the Hoveg, was grown in 1834, in Massachusetts. The hybrid variety was developed in France.

— The strawberry is considered one of the most important small fruits grown in the Western Hemisphere. Today every state in the United States and every province in Canada grows the strawberry plant.

**What to look for**

The best strawberries are the ones you pick your-

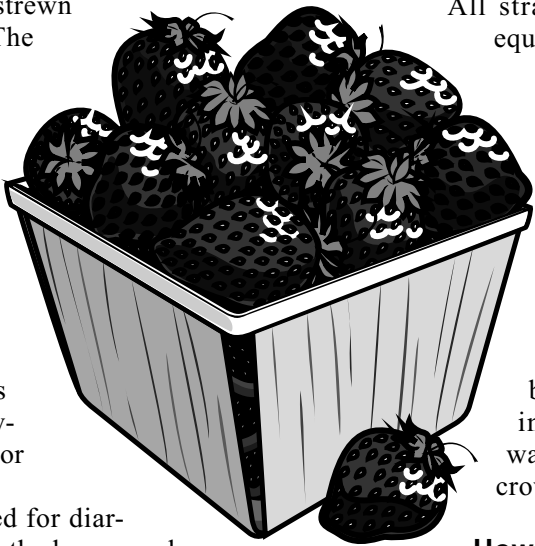
self or buy from your local strawberry fields. Farm fresh strawberries are hours old with little or no handling and no travelling. Enjoy the flavor and fragrance of fresh-picked strawberries.

Look for plump, bright red and fully ripe berries.

Caps should be attached green and fresh looking.

The size of the strawberry is not important.

All strawberries, large and small, are equally sweet and juicy.



**When to buy**

Choose locally grown strawberries during the harvesting session, they will be the freshest and the most flavorful. When picking strawberries, try to pick early in the morning or later in the day when the fruit is cool. Strawberries are best used within 2-3 days of picking. Cover and store them unwashed in the refrigerator. Do not crowd or press.

**How much to buy**

Berries are sold by weight or volume. Container sizes vary from farm to farm: pints, quarts or larger. A pint box of medium sized berries will generally hold two cups (500 ml.). Two cups (500 ml.) of berries, crushed will yield about one cup (250 ml.) of puree.

**How to store fresh strawberries**

Sort and remove any bruised or damaged berries as soon as possible and use in sauces, purees or jams. Place the berries in cool, well ventilated containers. The moisture content of fresh strawberries is high, so store uncovered or loosely covered. Hull strawberries

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## Commissary reaches out to young soldiers, families

*By R.D. Fischer*

*Store Director, Fort Huachuca*

According to surveys, the Commissary is the number one benefit to service members and their families.

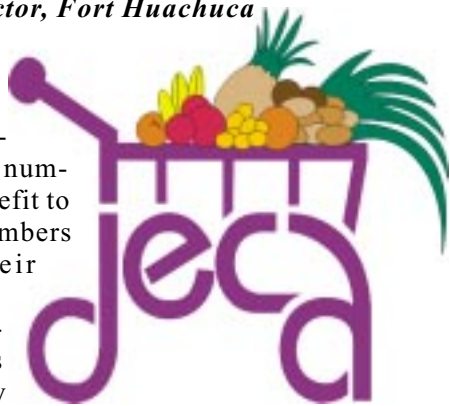
Congress has repeatedly encouraged

DeCA to take advantage of that status to maximize the recruiting and retention benefit to the military services.

DeCA’s mission is to enhance quality of life by providing a valuable part of the military compensation package, which enhances quality of life through a worldwide commissary system for the resale of groceries and household supplies to authorized patrons.

As such, it has become an important military readiness and retention of quality personnel feature for the Department.

The strategy is to publicize the benefit to an audience that often has the misperception that the Commissary is not available to them (because they are not married or because of their lower rank, etc.); and to relieve family member anxiety by increasing visibility of the benefits provided to their children, and to take advantage of recruiting/retention benefits that the Commissary provides to the military services.



## Commissary FAQ\$

**Why can I buy some products in town cheaper than in the commissary?**

We’re working to make this a thing of the past. We are increasing pressure on our buyers and suppliers to improve prices across the board.

Starting this July, look in your commissary for Best Value Items - quality goods that beat the private label prices downtown. There may be instances where someone downtown will take a loss just to get you in their store.

But unless you buy just that item, you still save 27 percent on your total groceries at the commissary — worth \$2,000 a year for a family of four!

But we’re not standing still. We have been measuring our prices against regular supermarkets. Over the next few years, we will compare prices with all the competition, including supercenters, and we will increase your overall savings to 30 percent.

**What is the surcharge, and why do I have to pay it?**

Congress mandates the surcharge to pay

for construction and upkeep of commissaries. It adds 5 percent to the cost of your groceries. Neither the Pentagon nor Congress supports an increase in the surcharge — it will stay at 5 percent.

We have a plan to triple the current investments in your stores and accelerate their revitalization, so you will have modern and pleasant facilities to shop throughout the commissary system.

**Why can’t the commissary stay open longer?**

Commissaries should stay open longer in most locations, so we are finding ways to make it happen. Since commissary hours are funded by the taxpayer, the limit is the money made available by Congress.

To increase store hours we can either ask for more money or reduce our costs. We will reduce our costs to increase your store hours.

(Some people ask if we could just increase sales and fund more hours with profit. By law, commissaries sell groceries to you at cost, so we don’t make a profit.)

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## PX/Commissary Council draws poor showing at May meeting

*By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff*

Hot weather and the holiday weekend may have had something to do with the pitifully small turnout for the May 30 Post Exchange and Commissary Council Meeting.

Management officials from the Army, Air Force Exchange Service and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca Garrison outnumbered the visitors by a 6:1 ratio.

Leo Pimple, a retired sergeant major, the Enlisted Retirees Representative and Verdun Thomas, a concerned consumer, were only members of the public to attend the meeting.

Dan Valle, Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, chaired the meeting.

Commissary business, both old and new was tabled until the next meeting. The only open issue at this time deals with the Commissary’s “Quick Sale Items/Area.” It will be addressed at the next meeting.

AAFES “Old Business” returned to the issue concerning the Class VI Store. A

patron had complained that some prices in the Class VI Store are higher than prices off post.

In general, when a patron finds an item priced lower than the same item at AAFES, the patron should bring the price difference to the attention of store managers. The lower price will be offered to the patron after completing a simple form telling what the item is, the lower price seen, and where the item was being sold.

AAFES management will use this information to verify the price difference at a later date.

“New Business” under AAFES focused on the Main Exchange and the renovation project taking place in the “Power Zone.”

Work on this project was expected to be completed in May, but workers encountered asbestos, which stopped all work on the project until the offending materials can be removed. A revised completion date has not been determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m., July 25 at the Murr Community Center.





Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Join the club...

Six Fort Huachuca noncommissioned officers and one family member joined the ranks of the Sgt. Audie Murphy and Dr. Mary E. Walker clubs during an induction ceremony held June 2 at Barnes Field House here. The newest Audie Murphy inductees are: Sgt. 1st Class Matthew J. Miller, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion; Staff Sgts. Tyrone L. Boyd, B, 305th MI Bn.; Gregory A. Luth, B, 305th MI Bn.; Alberto A.M. Morrison, 19th Signal Company, 504th Sig. Bn.; and Bethany R. Teachout, Company A, 306th MI Bn. The most recent Dr. Walker inductee is Verdun Thomas, 306th MI Bn., U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachcua, and wife of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commander, USAIC & FH. Sgt. Audie Murphy Club inductees received the club medallion, an Army Commendation Medal, and their family members were presented with roses by the 111th MI Brigade. Thomas received the Dr. Mary E. Walker award. The ceremony has recently moved from the Greely Hall auditorium and has changed in style. The event is run entirely by Sgt. Audie Murphy Club members.

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NCO of the Month

Sgt. Charles R. Davis, 19th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, was named as Fort Huachuca’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for May. Davis is the stock control noncommissioned officer in charge and is primarily responsible for processing customer request. During his twelve years of service, he has served three tours in Korea and one in Germany. He has been awarded three Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals and four Good Conduct Medals. He has also completed the Primary Leadership and Development Course and the Basic NCO Course. Davis enjoys fishing and working on computers, and hopes to get a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

Soldier of the Month

Spc. Theodore Suphanchaikul, 269th Signal Company, 86th Signal Battalion, was named as Fort Huachuca’s Soldier of the Month for May. Suphanchaikul is a telecomm computer operator responsible for maintaining

the switchboard and satellite communications equipment on TRIBAND vehicles. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga. During his two years of service, he has received two Army Achievement Medals and one Certificate of Achievement. The Germantown, Md. native enjoys basketball and hopes to become a drill sergeant and/or ranger.

Bloodhound awards given

The Intelligence and Security Command was recognized Wednesday during the monthly Military Affairs Committee luncheon at the LakeSide Activity Centre as winner of May’s Bloodhound Award for large units (over 150 members). Members of ISEC donated 50 pints of blood. Company E, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, took first place for medium units (50-149 members) by donating 30 pints of blood. For small units (up to 49 members), the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment secured first place by donating 13 pints of blood.

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girls and women across our nation, no matter what their professions and aspirations,” Caldera said. Kennedy said the Army is a cohesive collection of soldiers who share special bonds across many dimensions. “I anticipate maintaining these bonds with my co-workers and friends and strengthening the green Army fabric that makes us so great,” she said. “So as I think about today being the beginning of the rest of my life — a life that will continue to include the Army, but in a different way — I’m also looking to those men and women who are the next generation of leaders: the first woman to break the four-star barrier, the first woman to be the sergeant major of the Army and the first woman to head the Defense Department,” said Kennedy. Kennedy told her audience it is the next generation that will carry the nation into the next century and into this new millennium. “It is the youth of today who will determine the future of the Army, of the United States military. It is the next generation of young women and men for whom we need to invest, mentor and support by providing the maximum opportunity. I stand here with each of you today ready to help this next generation to be the best they can be,” Kennedy said. Kennedy was well thought of by her peers and acquaintances. “The one thing that I have always admired about Lt. Gen. Kennedy was the fact

that she never demeaned anyone for anything they did in life. She always felt that every woman’s role in life was important, even the housewife and mother,” said Barbara Costello of Woodbridge, Va. Costello is the wife of Maj. Mark Costello, who served with Kennedy at the Field Station Kunia, Hawaii. Kennedy said she has no plans right now for her future other than to spend several months writing her book and just enjoying life. Her last words of wisdom were, “Live the Army values. Live those values every day. It’s not hard. It gets easier the more you practice.” Kennedy held a variety of command and staff positions throughout her career, including commander, 3rd Operations Battalion, U.S. Army Field Station, Augsburg, Germany; commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion; and commander, 703rd Military Intelligence Brigade, Field Station Kunia. During her career, Kennedy received the Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), and the Army Staff Identification Badge. Kennedy’s ceremony was attended by her mother Jean Kennedy, her brother and other family members. (Editor’s note: Laura Bonner is a member of the Pentagon newspaper staff.)

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initiated in 1969. Ailes was Secretary of the Army from 1964-1965 and was instrumental in originating the first Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The Army Reserve winner also receives the Meritorious Service Medal and the Ralph Haines Jr. Award. Haines was commander of the Continental Army Command (the forerunner of TRADOC) from 1970-72. Both winners receive the “Army Times” Eugene P. Famiglietti Award, named for the late editor of the “Army Times.” The Association of the United States Army

will present each winner with a gold watch and sponsor both drill sergeants at the 1998 AUSA National Meeting in Washington, D.C., in October. Also, the Noncommissioned Officers Association will present each winner with the NCOA Military Excellence Award. The American Military Society and Armed Forces Insurance will make presentations in the form of plaques and books. Currently there are approximately 2,400 Army drill sergeants in the active component and 4,000 in the reserve component.

(Editor’s note: This is the list of candidates currently participating in the drill sergeant of the year competition.)

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| Staff Sgt. William C Baker, A Battery, 1-56 ADA, Fort Bliss, Texas                       | Staff Sgt. Patrick K. Hester, A/1/317/2 80th DIV(IT), Suffolk, Va.           |
| Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Bare, A/1-222 AVN Rgt, Fort Eustis, Va.                             | Staff Sgt. Harold C. Mitchell, B/832 ORD Bn, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.          |
| Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Bolden, E/3/397/3, 100 DIV(IT), 1840, Corbin, Ky.                 | Staff Sgt. Terrance R. Noel, A/2-46 INF, Fort Knox, Ky.                      |
| Sgt. 1st Class Louie Rocha Castillo II, 344th MI Bn, 111th MI BDE, Goodfellow AFB, Texas | Staff Sgt. Anthony P. Quichocho, B Battery, 1-19 FA, Fort Sill, Okla.        |
| Staff Sgt. Wade E. Christensen, C/143 ORD BN Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.               | Staff Sgt. Scott A. Reed, C/2-39 IN, Fort Jackson, S.C.                      |
| Staff Sgt. Damian G McIntosh, MANSCEN NCOA, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.                       | Sgt. 1st Class Miguel E. Reyna, F/232 MED Bn, Fort Sam Houston, Texas        |
| Sgt. 1st Class Michael F. Grimm, B/2/377/2 95 DIV (IT), Lincoln, Neb.                    | Sgt. 1st Class Earl G. Schmoll, DSS, 7th BDE, 84th DIV(IT), Milwaukee, Wisc. |
| Staff Sgt. Reginald K. Hall, Basic CBT TNG BDE, Fort Benning, Ga.                        | Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Sharpe, D/3/417/1, 98th DIV(IT), Red Bank, N.J.    |
| Staff Sgt. Anthony Harris, C/369th Signal Bn, Fort Gordon, Ga.                           | Sgt. 1st Class Ryan D. Whitson, B/1-518, 108 DIV(IT), 224, Asheville, N.C.   |
|  | Sgt. 1st Class Charles D. Wilson, C/1/414/1 104 DIV(IT), Eugene, Ore.        |

# School News

## Students win patriotic essay contest, compete nationally

By Angela Moncur  
Scout Staff

In an essay contest sponsored by the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge, two Fort Huachuca students won regional and state honors and will now compete at the national level. The essay contest theme was “What the Pledge of

Allegiance means to me.” Brandon Needham and Emily Mohoroski won as overall fifth grade boy and girl for this region and for the state of Arizona. Their essays will now be sent to compete nationally. “I am very proud and pleased that these two students

have gone so far in this essay contest,” said Audrey Mapoles, Needham and Mohoroski’s fifth grade teacher at Myer Elementary School. “Most of the credit goes to the students and their very supportive parents. I can only wish for them the very best at the next level of competition.”

### What the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’ means to me

By Brandon Needham  
Myer Elementary School, 5th grade

The “Pledge of Allegiance” is a promise. It represents our country with a flag. We look to the flag and say the “Pledge of Allegiance” as words of honor from us, and to defend the United States of America against any and all enemies.

The flag is a symbol that unites us all. It represents us and helps us to remember those people who have died defending our country.

The flag is rectangular and has red and white stripes. The red stripes represent bravery, courage and boldness. The white stripes represent purity and being free from guilt. The blue field represents justice. The stars represent the fifty states that unite us as one nation.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” means that I am free to live, as I want and to worship my God, as I want. I am part of the United States team. That idea makes us all feel safe.

### What the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’ means to me

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The “Pledge of Allegiance” is a promise that I will always defend and be loyal to my country. It means that, as long as all Americans remain true to its principles, there will be peace and justice in the United States of America. I am pledging allegiance to the symbol of my country and to the values and principles it represents.

Even though the flag is just a piece of cloth, it is important for what it symbolizes. That symbol reminds me of all those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. It means that despite all their differences, all Americans are citizens of one country, united and indivisible.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” means that what I have in common with my fellow Americans is more important than whatever differences we may have. We are all citizens living in one country devoted to “liberty and justice for all.”



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Emily Mohoroski (left) and Brandon Needham, along with their fifth-grade teacher, Audrey Mapoles, show off the regional and state awards won in an Elks Lodge-sponsored essay contest. The students’ essays will now compete at the national level.

Have we got news for you!  
Read it in The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.

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### Why did the ID policy change?

Our customers asked for a friendlier commissary with entry procedures consistent with those for entering other military retail facilities. Checking for ID at the cash register ensures only authorized patrons purchase commissary groceries.

The change freed up about 150 employees to serve you better by doing things like stocking shelves or running the checkouts.

### Can Reservists shop at the commissary?

Congress authorizes 24 shopping trips a

year for members of the Reserve and National Guard and their dependents. If you have not received your DD 2529 Commissary Privilege Card, contact the office that maintains your service record.

“Gray area” reservist retirees, who will draw retired pay when they reach age 60, also get 24 shopping trips a year and unlimited access when they turn 60.

Shopping trips to the commissary while reservists are on federal active duty do not count against their 24 authorized visits each year.

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and rinse gently just before serving. Careful storing and handling will maintain their maximum flavor, color and texture.

### Try this refreshing Strawberry Slush

- 1 large can pineapple juice
- 1 pkg. orange-flavored drink mix
- 2 pkg. strawberry-flavored drink mix
- 3 cp. sugar
- 2 qt. water
- 1 qt. gingerale
- 1/3 cup lemon juice

- 3 ripe bananas
- 1 qt. strawberries

Mix first seven ingredients together. Puree strawberries & bananas in blender. Add to other ingredients. Freeze in several containers or plastic freezer bags. When ready to use half thaw and add lemon-lime soda to make a slush. (Three frozen quart-sized bags of slush and one liter of Sprite will fill a punch bowl).

(Editor’s note: The source for this recipe was [www.jamm.com](http://www.jamm.com). The recipe was submitted by Lucille J. Adams.)